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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2001/1072)

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the children and armed conflict. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 18th meeting | Conference Room 4

1. Questions relating to information [90] (A/56/21 and Add.1, A/56/411; A/C.4/56/L.19)

   General debate

2. Organization of work

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 27th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Organization of work (A/C.2/56/L.1/Rev.1* and A/C.2/56/L.1/Add.1)

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12] (A/56/3 and Add.1-2 and A/56/459, A/56/127-E/2001/101, A/56/127/Add.1-E/2001/101/Add.1, A/56/86-E/2001/79, A/56/211-E/2001/103, A/56/517, A/56/607-E/2001/106, A/C.2/56/L.6, A/C.2/56/L.7, E/2001/L.47/Rev.1, A/56/CRP.1-E/2001/CRP.6, A/56/CRP.2-E/2001/CRP.7)

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   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24

   (c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22

   (d) Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100)

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97(c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 43rd meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Introductory statement and dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

General discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 44th meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Continuation of general discussion

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Informal consultations on agenda item 130 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/56/381 and A/55/436))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part VIII: Common support services:

Section 27: Management and central support services

Section 27A: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B: Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D: Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E: Administration, Geneva

Section 27F: Administration, Vienna

Section 27G: Administration, Nairobi

(A/56/6 and Corr.1, (Sections 27 and 27A-G), A/56/7, A/56/16 and A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1)

Part IX: Internal oversight:

Section 28: Internal oversight

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 28), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

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* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 27th meeting — Conference Room 2

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Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

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Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166] (A/56/37, A/56/160 and Corr. 1 and Add.1, A/C.6/56/L.9)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161] (A/C.6/56/L.10)

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* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	260th meeting	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November 2001, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, *from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.*

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. *in Conference Room D.*

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 19 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.16 (item 98 (e)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Trusteeship Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 19 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(preparation for the World Summit for Sustainable Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(implementation of the Habitat Agenda)

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will meet on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and the United Nations Development Group will hold a joint emergency meeting on Afghanistan on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim M'Baba Kamara, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, and Mr. Robbie Thomson, Senior Officer, Population Movement and Disaster Preparedness and Response Department, IFRC, will be among the panellists. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Jayasankar Krishnamurty, Senior Economist, Infocus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Briefing

Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will hold a briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 4*. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	46th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, organized by the delegation of Yugoslavia, will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee)* on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second and Sixth Committees *(on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and law of the sea))* on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The Group of 77 will hear a briefing on the coordination of the United Nations operational activities for development by the United Nations Development Group on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 in Conference Room 7.

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Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1, and on Wednesday, 21 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Ms. Marcia Brewster, Special Events Coordinator of GERWUN, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4420th (private) meeting

The situation in Eritrea and Ethiopia

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4420th meeting, held in private on 16 November 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Ali Said Abdella, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea had a constructive discussion."

4421st (private) meeting

The situation in Eritrea and Ethiopia

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4421st meeting, held in private on 16 November 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia".

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and with the consent of the Council, the President extended an invitation to His Excellency Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The members of the Council and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia had a constructive discussion."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

56th plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3) [8]

The General Assembly decided, on the recommendation of the General Committee, to also allocate to the Sixth Committee sub-item (f) of agenda item 21, entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union", for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Joseph Philippe Antonio, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Haiti; H.E. Mr. Igor S. Ivanov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; and H.E. Mr. Patrice Emery Trovoada, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Community of Sao Tome and Principe.

Address by H.E. Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Nicolae Dudu, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova; H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Hammoud, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Sahr Matturi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana, Chairman of the delegation of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Enele Sopoaga, Chairman of the delegation of Tuvalu; H.E. Mr. Amraiya Naidu, Chairman of the delegation of Fiji; H.E. Mr. Patrick Albert Lewis, Chairman of the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda; H.E. Mr. Raynard Gideon, Chairman of the delegation of the Marshall Islands; H.E. Mr. Claude Morel, Chairman of the delegation of Seychelles; H.E. Mr. Sonatane Tu'a Taumoepeau Tupou, Chairman of the delegation of Tonga; and H.E. Mr. Clifford Sibusiso Mamba, Chairman of the delegation of Swaziland.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that sub-item (d) of agenda item 16 on the election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme would be taken up on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, in the morning, as the second item.

57th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Gints Fegermanis, Chairman of the delegation of Latvia; H.E. Mr. John Dauth, Chairman of the delegation of Australia; H.E. Mr. Ali Said Abdella, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea; H.E. Mrs. Antonieta Rosa Gomes, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Guinea Bissau; H.E. Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; and H.E. Mr. Peter P. Chkheidze, Chairman of the delegation of Georgia.

Statements in the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Cyprus and Eritrea.

The President made a statement.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 9.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Right of peoples to self determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, the Comoros and El Salvador, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, Romania, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Pakistan, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Suriname.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the sub-items.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Ethiopia, the Sudan, Zimbabwe and Eritrea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

With regard to the organization of its work, the Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, decided:

(a) To extend its schedule to complete its work by Friday, 30 November, instead of Wednesday, 28 November;

(b) To take up consideration of item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination) beginning on Friday, 23 November, and to devote six meetings to the debate; and to establish a deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 117 (Tuesday, 27 November, at 6 p.m.);

(c) To shorten the afternoon meetings beginning on Monday, 19 November, and aim to adjourn by 4.30 p.m. in order to accommodate those delegates observing Ramadan;

(d) To take action on proposals that are ready for action on Wednesday, 21 November, in the morning, and to take action on all remaining draft proposals under items 112, 113, 115, 118 and 119 (a) on Monday, 26 November, in the morning.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2001

492nd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

493rd meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2001

67th and 68th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of France (E/1990/6/Add.27). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Burkina Faso (16 November 2001)

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Kenya (16 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Acceptance: Japan (16 November 2001)*

Accession: Kenya (16 November 2001)*

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* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Benin (16 November 2001)

Signature: Guinea (16 November 2001)

Signature: Philippines (16 November 2001)

Signature: Republic of Moldova (16 November 2001)

Signature: Venezuela (16 November 2001)

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Cameroon (16 November 2001)

Protocol on Water and Health to the 1992 Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. London, 17 June 1999

Ratification: Czech Republic (15 November 2001)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Czech Republic (15 November 2001)*

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Accession: Poland (14 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11 a.m. — 4422nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on the children and armed conflict (S/2001/852)

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m. — 38th meeting* (closed) — Conference Room 8

The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m. — 10th (closed) meeting — Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [90] (A/56/21 and Add.1, A/56/411, A/C.4/56/L.19)

General debate

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 20th meeting | Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [89]

Discussions

[Background documentation: A/56/478, A/55/1024 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 28th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27

2. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102] (A/56/8, Supplement No. 8, A/56/477, A/56/618, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306)

   Introduction, general discussion and conclusion of the item

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 45th meeting | Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.34

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40 to L.49

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

   Continuation of general discussion

3.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. | 46th meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part VIII: Common support services *(continued)* :

Section 27: Management and central support services

Section 27A: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B: Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D: Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E: Administration, Geneva

Section 27F: Administration, Vienna

Section 27G: Administration, Nairobi

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 27 and 27A-G), A/56/7 and A/56/16 and A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1)

Part IX: Internal oversight:

Section 28: Internal oversight (A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 28), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29: Jointly financed administrative activities

Section 30: Special expenses

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 29-30), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31: Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 31), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XII: Staff assessment

Section 32: Staff assessment

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 32), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33: Development Account

(A/56/6 and Corr.1, (Section 33), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Income section 1:

Income from staff assessment A/56/6 (Income section 1)

Income section 2:

General income A/56/6 (Income section 2)

Income section 3:

Services to the public (A/56/6 (Income section 3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, organized by the delegation of Yugoslavia, will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 20 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)) (Programme budget implications: A/C.2/56/L.19), from 10 a.m. to 12 noon;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 12 noon to 1.15 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.10 (item 98), from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 20 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched *today*, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 20 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-items 98 (b) and (f) (Environment and sustainable development))

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(Open-ended consultations on the right to development)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the United Nations Development Programme Group on the coordination of the United Nations operational activities for development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THE SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (g) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005))

6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 20 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization *today*, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. *in Conference Room 2*. All delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *today*, 20 November 2001, at 4 p.m. in Room C-209B.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting of Sixth Committee experts, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, to discuss draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) under agenda item 21 (f).

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Ms. Marcia Brewster, Special Events Coordinator of GERWUN, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. — 60th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/516) [16 (d)]
3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [36]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/454 and Add.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.12)
4. United Nations Year of Cultural Heritage, 2002: draft resolution (A/56/L.13) [177]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 20 (c) will be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, at 12 noon in Room C-209B.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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A Web site of statistical indicators on implementation of the Millennium Declaration will be opened on Wednesday, 21 November 2001 (millenniumindicators.un.org). The indicators have been compiled by the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please write to the following e-mail address: unstats@un.org.

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There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Wednesday, 21 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))* on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

58th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter of the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, India, Algeria, Senegal, Egypt, Croatia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Hungary, Mongolia, Namibia, Malaysia, Singapore, Belarus, Peru, Guatemala and Bhutan.

59th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(d) Letter of the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Ukraine, China, the Philippines, Poland, the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Japan, Indonesia, Mexico, Thailand, Bangladesh, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Tunisia, Morocco, Israel, Nauru, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Cameroon and Venezuela.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 58th plenary meeting on 19 November 2001, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

Statement on the occasion of the twelfth African Industrialization Day

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

Questions relating to information [90]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/21.

The Interim Head for the Department of Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Egypt, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/21).

The representative of Venezuela, Chairman of the Committee on Information, made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Chile (on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group) and Spain.

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed delegations that discussions on agenda item 90, scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, might be moved up to Wednesday morning.

Election of the Bureau

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to adopt a system of rotation for the posts of Chair, the three ViceChairs and one Rapporteur on the basis of the English alphabetical order of the regional groups. The Committee also decided that this decision would apply to the fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). The Committee then decided, on the basis of the methodology just adopted, to elect by acclamation the remaining members of the Bureau who were: Vice-Chairpersons: Ms. Alexandrina Livi Rusu (Romania), Mr. Cristian Streeter (Chile), H.E. Ms. Ana-Maija Korpi (Finland); Rapporteur: Mr. Graham Maitland (South Africa).

SECOND COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Chief, Policy Coordination Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Director, Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The representative of the World Tourism Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, China, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to Chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3) and read out the recommendations contained in the resolution 2001/21 entitled: "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits"

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, agreed that the general debated of the item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) be rescheduled for the afternoon of 26 November and the morning of 27 November.

The Committee decided to cancel its formal meeting scheduled in the afternoon and to hold informal consultations instead.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 12 is on Tuesday, 20 November, at 6 p.m.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Women in development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE

43rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Mexico and the Sudan took part.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, Japan, Norway, the Sudan, United States and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee will aim to take action on Wednesday morning on the following draft proposals: under item 112: A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1, L.21 and L.24/Rev.1; under item 115: A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1 and L.29; under item 118: A/C.3/56/L.31-L.33 and under item 119 (a), A/C.3/56/L.34-L.38.

44th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, New Zealand, Croatia and Canada.

The observer for the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 9 November 2001 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, regarding the allocation of agenda item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations) (A/C.5/56/1/Add.1).

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.6.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Management of buildings

Private management consulting firms

The representative of Botswana, coordinator of informal consultations on these items, introduced draft resolutions A/C.5/56/L.3 and A/C.5/56/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of these questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.8.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Development Account

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Profitability of commercial activities

The representative of Ukraine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Information technology

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

The representative of Canada, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Human resources management [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Consultants

Delegation of authority

Young professionals

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decisions A/C.5/56/L.12, A/C.5/56/L.13 and A/C.5/56/L.14.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of these questions.

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Croatia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that following a request made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) inviting the Bureau to make appropriate arrangements for the Ramadan period, the Bureau was proposing that meetings be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Consequently, the Bureau had also felt the necessity to revise its programme of work for the week of 19-23 November.

Following statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina and Australia, the Committee decided to hold, during the Ramadan period, meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. It also decided not to hold meetings on Friday, 23 November.

The representative of Portugal, coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003), made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

International Convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [174]

The representative of France introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany (also on behalf of France), Israel, Japan, the Russian Federation, Malta, Canada, Poland, Grenada, Lithuania, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Venezuela, Uganda, Cuba, Peru, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Haiti and Nigeria.

It was announced that Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Korea, and San Marino had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19. Uganda, Cuba, Peru, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Haiti and Nigeria subsequently announced their intention to join as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The observers of the Holy See and Switzerland made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Grenada made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 174.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

The representative of New Zealand made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.18 on behalf of sponsors. She also orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution. France, Greece, Luxemburg, Poland and Romania joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.18, as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 167.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-fourth session [162]

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.17.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.20 and Corr.1 (Spanish only).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 162

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/56/L.8, A/C.6/56/L. 11, and A/C.6/56/L.12 and Corr.1 without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.21 and made an oral revision.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.21, as orally revised, without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 164.

Observer status for partners in population and development in the General Assembly [176]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.23 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 176.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [21 (f)]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of India made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

It was announced that the Committee would continue its consideration of this item at its next meeting.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on terrorism introduced the report of the Working Group (A/C.6/56/L.9).

Statements were made by the coordinator on the draft convention on nuclear terrorism, who also coordinated work on outstanding issues on the draft comprehensive convention on terrorism; the Chairman of the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and by the Legal Counsel.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee spoke. The representative of Grenada also spoke.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

260th meeting

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Special information programme on the question of Palestine and on Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS

Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2001

69th and 70th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Croatia (E/1990/5/Add.46). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Saint Kitts and Nevis (16 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Saint Kitts and Nevis (16 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. 4424th meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Protection of civilians in armed conflict

3 p.m. 4425th (closed) meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

4 p.m. 4426th (closed) meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/516) [16 (d)]

(continued overleaf)

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [36]

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/454 and Add.1)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.12)

4. United Nations Year of Cultural Heritage, 2002: draft resolution (A/56/L.13) [177]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [89]

Discussions

[Background documentation: A/56/478, A/55/1024 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101] (A/56/90-E/2001/17)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Training and research [104] (A/56/615)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.6 and L.7

3. International migration and development, including the question of convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution contained in A/C.2/56/L.27 (item 12)

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* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [112]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.24/Rev.1

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1 and L.29

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.32 and L.33

5. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)] (A/C.3/56/L.35)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.34, L.36 to L.38

6. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

   Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.*	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Conclusion of general discussion

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 48th meeting of the Third Committee, the Chairman of the Third Committee will meet informally with interested delegations on the progress made on the Chairman's text of the draft resolution on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part IX: Internal oversight *(continued)*:

Section 28: Internal oversight (A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 28), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses:

Section 29: Jointly financed administrative activities

Section 30: Special expenses

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 29-30), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XI: Capital expenditures:

Section 31: Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 31), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XII: Staff assessment:

Section 32: Staff assessment

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 32), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XIII: Development Account:

Section 33: Development Account

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 33), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Income section 1:

Income from staff assessment (A/56/6 (Income section 1))

Income section 2:

General income (A/56/6 (Income section 2))

Income section 3:

Services to the public (A/56/6 (Income section 3))

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003): all outstanding issues (A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 27 and 27A-G), A/56/7 and A/56/16 and A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [21 (f)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24

Measures to eliminate International Terrorism [166] (A/56/37, A/56/160 and Corr.1, and Add.1, A/C.6/56/L.9)

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.22 and Corr.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft report

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 20 (c) will be held *today*, 21 November 2001, at 12 noon in Room C-209B.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 21 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.3 (item 95 (c)), from 10.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.20 (item 98), from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.16/Rev.1 (item 98 (e)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Economic and Social Council Chamber: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.;

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)) (programme budget implications: A/C.2/56/L.19), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.12 (item 98 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.13 (item 99 (a)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 21 November 2001

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP

9.30 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(Open-ended consultations on the right to development)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 20 (Strenthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))

1.30 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(preparation for the World Summit on Sustainable Development and agenda item 98 (Environment and sustainable development), including sub-items (a) to (g))

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee) today*, 21 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a joint meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 *today*, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting of Sixth Committee experts, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 21 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) under agenda item 21 (f).

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Core Group on Habitat on draft resolutions under agenda item 102 *today*, 21 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 November 2001

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 22 November 2001, official holiday.]

Friday, 23 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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A Web site of statistical indicators on implementation of the Millennium Declaration will be opened *today*, 21 November 2001 (millenniumindicators.un.org). The indicators have been compiled by the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please write to the following e-mail address: unstats@un.org.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Friday, 23 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 104 (Training and research)* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is *today*, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4422nd meeting

Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary General on children and armed conflict (S/2000/852)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Belgium, Canada, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, South Africa at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Olara Otunnu, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by Secretary-General.

The Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and by the Executive Director of UNICEF.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States, Norway, China, Ukraine, Mali, and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, Bangladesh, Colombia, Tunisia, France, Singapore and Mauritius, as well as by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, Japan, South Africa, Canada, Iraq, Israel, Nigeria and Malaysia.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Executive Director of UNICEF responded to comments made.

4423rd meeting

Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary General on children and armed conflict (S/2000/852)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/2001/1093), which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2001/1093) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1093) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1379 (2001).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 19th meeting

Questions relating to information [90]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Ghana, Myanmar, Kuwait, Mongolia, Thailand (on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations), Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Nigeria, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Malaysia, Singapore, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine, the Syrian Arab Republic, Nepal and Yemen.

The observer of the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of Portugal.

A statement was made by the Interim Head for the Department of Public Information.

20th meeting

Questions relating to information [90]

Following statements by the representatives of the United States, Canada and Japan, the Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in documents A/56/21 and Add.1.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 90.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [89]

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt, Zambia, India, Belgium, Jordan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

A discussion took place with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, in which the representatives of Jordan, the Philippines, Belgium, India, New Zealand and Rwanda took part.

The Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, the Assistant-Secretary-General for Logistics, Management and Mine Action Service and the Military Adviser responded to questions.

The Committee began its discussions on agenda item 89 and heard statements by representatives of Norway, Chile (on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group), Zambia, Bangladesh, Argentina, China, Japan and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA and EEA country member, Iceland).

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

SECOND COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution.

Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh, China, Venezuela, Norway, Kenya, Ethiopia, South Africa, Croatia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 102.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Chairman informed the Committee that the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 102 had been extended to Friday, 23 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 45th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

The representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution. Bangladesh joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1

The representative of the Belgium, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, El Salvador, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Marshall Islands, Morocco, Namibia, New Zealand, Norway, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovenia, South Africa, Suriname, Thailand and Ukraine, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution. Subsequently, Bhutan, China, Guyana, India, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mali, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Tunisia and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.34

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Argentina, Ecuador, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, the Republic of Moldova, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Ukraine, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution. Benin and Burkina Faso joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.41

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.42

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.43

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and China, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.44

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, El Salvador, Iraq and Swaziland, introduced the draft resolution. Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Haiti, Kenya, Madagascar and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.45

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution. Cameroon, Benin, Haiti, Kenya and Mozambique joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.46

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Burkina Faso and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, introduced the draft resolution. Cameroon, Kenya, Mozambique and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.47

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Ethiopia, introduced the draft resolution. Cameroon, the Gambia, Ghana, Haiti, Mauritania and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.48

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Botswana, Iraq, Italy, Mozambique and the Philippines, introduced the draft resolution. Bhutan, Myanmar, the Niger, Sierra Leone and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.49

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Morocco, introduced the draft resolution. Cambodia, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Guinea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mauritania and Somalia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yemen, Mexico, Guinea, Thailand and Australia.

The representatives of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Children's Fund.

46th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Zambia and Indonesia, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

The observers for the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made statements.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2001

494th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

495th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Indonesia (CAT/C/47/Add.3).

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2001

496th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

497th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Zambia (CAT/C/47/Add.2).

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2001

71st meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Croatia (E/1990/5/Add.4). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

72nd meeting

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Economic Rights [3]

The Committee held a meeting with UNFPA and WHO on the application of human rights on sexual and reproductive health (Glen Cove + 5) and on strengthening the cooperation between the Committee and WHO and UNFPA.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. London, 29 June 1990

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Beijing, 3 December 1999

Accession: Sao Tome and Principe (19 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Accession: Sweden (19 November 2001)*

International Cocoa Agreement, 2001. Geneva, 2 March 2001

Signature: Brazil (20 November 2001)

European Agreement supplementing the Convention on road signs and signals opened for signature at Vienna on 8 November 1968. Geneva, 1 May 1971

Accession: Latvia (20 November 2001)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Latvia (20 November 2001)*

Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials. Lake Success, New York, 22 November 1950

Acceptance: Latvia (20 November 2001)*

Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials of 22 November 1950. Nairobi, 26 November 1976

Accession: Latvia (20 November 2001)*

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Saint Kitts and Nevis (20 November 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 22 November 2001

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters *today*, 22 November 2001, official holiday.]

Friday, 23 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

On Friday, 23 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)) (programme budget implications: A/C.2/56/L.19), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and

Conference Room E: A/C.2/56/L.2 (item 95 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 26 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the eighth annual report of the International Tribunal (A/56/352) [50]

2. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the sixth annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/56/351 and Corr.1) [51]

3. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [45]

4. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [17]:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/625)

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/626)

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/627)

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/628)

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/629)

3 p.m. 63rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/384 and Corr.1) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations:

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/95, A/56/307);

   (ii) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/649);

   (iii) Draft resolution (A/56/L.14)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions:

   (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/56/158, A/56/264, A/56/269, A/56/338, A/56/361, A/56/389, A/56/412, A/56/470 and A/56/632*);

   (ii) Draft resolutions (A/56/L.15, A/56/L.16)

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* To be issued.

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/447);

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/308);

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/123 and Corr.1)

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SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	49th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	50th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 29th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, 29 November 2001, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

All Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies and observers are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity may be sent to room S-3350 (tel.: (212) 963-5172).

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of two video-films entitled "Gaza Under Siege" and "Mahmoud Darwish: As the Land is the Language". Both films will be shown on Thursday, 29 November, at 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning Counter-Terrorism will hold its 11th (closed) meeting on Monday, 26 November 2001, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7. The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations the same day at 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (4-15 March 2002). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Eradicating poverty, including through the empowerment of women throughout their life cycle in a globalizing world; and (2) Environmental management and mitigation of natural disasters: a gender perspective. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1259), no later than Friday, 7 December 2001.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 104 (Training and research))* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))* on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Monday, 26 November and Tuesday, 27 November 2001, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal meeting

There will be a meeting of the Core Group of the Group of 77 on Habitat on draft resolutions under agenda item 102 on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal briefing

The Chairman of the United Nations Forum on Forests, Mr. Knut Øistad (Norway), will hold an informal briefing on preparations for the second session of the Forum, to be held in Costa Rica from 4 to 15 March 2002. The briefing will take place on Wednesday, 28 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4424th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Ukraine, Singapore, Norway, Colombia, Ireland, the United Kingdom, France, Mauritius and Tunisia.

Mr. Oshima responded to comments and questions raised by members of the Council.

4425th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop-Contributing Countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 21 November 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4425th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF).

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Annabi responded to comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

4426th (closed) meeting

Meeting of the Security Council with the Troop-Contributing Countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), Annex II, A

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 21 November 2001, the Security Council, pursuant to Annex II, Section A of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 4426th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.

"The members of the Council had a constructive exchange of views with representatives of participating troop-contributing countries.

"Mr. Annabi responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council and representatives of troop-contributing countries."

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 4422nd and 4423rd meetings of the Security Council (see *Journal* No. 2001/227, p.10): the symbol of the report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict *should read* (S/2001/852) *instead of* (S/2000/852).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

60th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 38.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey), Pakistan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Norway, Japan, Peru, the Sudan, Egypt, Thailand, Uruguay, Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Croatia, Belarus, Nicaragua, Argentina and Slovenia.

61st meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cambodia, Zambia and Eritrea.

In accordance with its decision taken at the 60th plenary meeting, the General Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Ethiopia.

The Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 38 would be submitted at a later date.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/516) [16 (d)]

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, elected Mr. Klaus Töpfer as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 February 2002 and ending on 31 January 2006.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of subitem (d) of agenda item 16.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [36]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/454 and Add.1)

(b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.12)

The representative of Argentina made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/56/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Nigeria.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 86 votes to 1, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted operative paragraph eight of draft resolution A/56/L.12, as orally revised.

By 93 votes to none, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.12 as a whole, as orally revised (resolution 56/7).

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 36.

United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002: draft resolution (A/56/L.13) [177]

The representative of Egypt made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/56/L.13.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Italy, Japan and Ukraine.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.13 (resolution 56/8).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 177.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that the reports of the First Committee would be taken up on Thursday, 29 November, in the morning.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 21st meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [89]

The Committee continued its discussions on agenda item 89 and heard statements by representatives of Malaysia, Brazil, Uruguay, Algeria, New Zealand, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, Thailand, Canada, South Africa, Ecuador, Kuwait, Belarus, India, Burkina Faso, Jordan (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the United States, Indonesia, Nepal, Slovakia, Poland, Croatia and the Republic of Korea.

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its discussions on agenda item 89 with statements by the representatives of Turkey, Pakistan and Australia.

The Committee then decided to continue its interactive session with the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations in informal closed session.

When the Committee resumed its discussions on agenda item 89, it concluded its consideration of this item with statements from the representatives of Nigeria, Botswana, Mozambique, Cyprus, Singapore, Ghana and Jamaica.

The observer of the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey and Cyprus.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 29th meeting

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, the Russian Federation, Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, Qatar, Malaysia and Pakistan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Right of reply

The observer for Palestine made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 101.

Deadline of submission of proposals

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline of submission of draft proposals under agenda item 101 is Monday, 26 November, at 1 p.m.

30th meeting

Training and research [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Management and the Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Japan, Haiti (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Jordan and Nigeria, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement regarding programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft decision.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.7

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), reported on the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.7.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development to address migration issues [100]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.4 and L.28

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28, which was submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.28.

In the light of the adoption of the draft resolution, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

At the request of the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Committee postponed the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council) and item 102 (Implementation of the Habitat agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic) to Friday, 30 November, at 6 p.m., and under item 104 (Training and research) to Tuesday, 27 November, at 1 p.m.

The representative of Belgium made a statement on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Secretary of the Committee, the Committee decided to postpone consideration of agenda item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) to Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 November, in the morning.

The Committee was informed that the panel on globalization and poverty, which had been scheduled for Monday, 26 November, was cancelled.

THIRD COMMITTEE 47th meeting

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.24/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Mongolia announced that Burkina Faso, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Swaziland and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Fiji, the Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, the Niger, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the revised draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Sudan.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

The Committee was informed that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Panama, Sierra Leone, the Sudan and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions that had been made to the text of the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of the Belgium announced that Armenia, Belarus, Panama, the Sudan and Swaziland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, the Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saint Lucia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Togo, Turkey, Uganda and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.29

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Namibia announced that Algeria, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Hungary, Israel, Liechtenstein, Malta, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Philippines, Suriname and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bhutan, Cape Verde, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, Guyana, Madagascar, Mongolia, the Republic of Korea, Somalia and Tunisia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Republic of Korea.

The representative of the United States made a statement in which he requested a recorded vote on operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 1 of the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 148 to 2.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, without a vote.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

Statements were made by the representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Senegal, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Benin with regard to their votes.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

The right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The representative of Cuba made a statement, after which a statement was made by the Chairman.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Pakistan announced that Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Afghanistan, Chad, Somalia and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Argentina.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.33

The representative of Egypt announced that Argentina, Belize, Cameroon, Croatia, India, Madagascar and Poland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Armenia, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Malawi, Nicaragua, Saint Lucia, Swaziland and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 152 to 2.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, Canada, Guatemala, the Russian Federation and Australia.

Subsequently, statements were made by the observer for Palestine, as well as by the representatives of Egypt and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, as well as Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Norway).

A statement was made by the representative of Benin with regard to his vote.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.34

The Secretary read out the oral revisions made to the text when the draft resolution was introduced.

The Secretary also read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Denmark announced that Suriname had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, El Salvador, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, the United States and Benin.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Japan made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.36

The Committee was informed that document A/C.3/56/L.35 was superseded by document A/C.3/56/L.36.

The Secretary read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Georgia, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Republic of Moldova, New Zealand, Panama, San Marino, Slovenia, South Africa, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.37

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Mauritius, Morocco and Paraguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mozambique, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Mexico made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.38

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Cuba announced that Algeria and India had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Afghanistan, Belarus, Côte d'Ivoire, Lesotho, Mozambique, Nepal, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Suriname and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 97 to 44, with 5 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Iceland, Norway, New Zealand, San Marino and the United States), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) and Israel.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile and the Republic of Korea.

A statement was made by the representative of Bolivia regarding her vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

48th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Poland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Belarus, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Georgia, Togo, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nepal, India, Algeria, Eritrea, Azerbaijan, Bhutan and Cameroon.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work and announced that on Monday, 26 November, in the morning, the Committee would hear introduction of the following draft resolutions: under item 119 (b): A/C.3/56/L.40, L.51-L.53, L.59-L.64, L.66 and L.69; under item 119 (c): A/C.3/56/L.50, L.54, L.57 and L.58.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement, withdrew, on behalf of the Bureau, draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.10 and Corr.1 (French only) and introduced draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26.

Action on draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.26 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [21 (f)]

The representative of India made a statement, withdrew draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 and orally proposed a draft decision.

The representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, Burkina Faso, Guatemala, Venezuela and Jordan made statements.

Action on the draft decision

The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 21 (f).

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]

The representative of Australia, coordinator of the draft comprehensive convention on international terrorism, made a statement.

The representative of Canada, coordinator of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.22 and Corr.1, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Cuba spoke in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.22 and Corr.1, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representatives of Pakistan, Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Canada spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon made statements in the exercise of the right to reply.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 166.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Uganda (on behalf of the African States), the Syrian Arab Republic (on behalf of the Asian States), Hungary (on behalf of the Eastern European States) and Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group).

The Sixth Committee thus concluded its work.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

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498th (closed) meeting

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee adopted the conclusions and recommendations on the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1).

499th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Israel (CAT/C/54/Add.1).

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73rd meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Jamaica (E/1990/6/Add.28), in the absence of the State party delegation.

74th (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee discussed and adopted concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of Sweden (E/C.12/4/Add.4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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